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Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PTO CUSTOMER NO. 000293 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING FILING FEES

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of claims 1-3" and insert -- claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of claims 1-4" and insert -- claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of claims 1-3" and insert --